

**In the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0006] of the Specification with the following amended paragraph [0006]:

[0006] ~~This invention includes a software product termed a "Communications Module."~~ This According to some embodiments, a Communications Module proactively monitors the state of the subscriber's Internet Protocol communications device. The Communications Module then uses this state determination to originate, and to terminate, communications (any data messages, including Internet Protocol telephone calls), even if the subscriber's IP communications device is unavailable. The Communications Module periodically polls the subscriber's Internet Protocol communications device and resets a timer. If connectivity is lost, the Communications Module fails to receive a response from the subscriber's IP communications device. The Communications Module then accesses and executes a variety of call processing and call control logic to reconfigure the underlying communications service. If connectivity is established, but a subsequent communication is refused or not accepted, the Communications Module again accesses and executes a variety of call processing and call control logic to reconfigure the underlying communications service.